GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose the participation of women in Agricultural and Rural Development programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken so far or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWAJ):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government implement various Schemes in the Rural Developmentand Agricultural Sector with participation of women. The major Rural Development Schemes,namely the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY),the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), the a National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and the Indira Awaas Yojana (1AY) have women`s components built into them. A Central Sector Scheme of Women in Agriculture is being implemented in one District each of twelve States. This Scheme envisages to motivate, mobilize and organize women farmers to form groups and agriculture support services such as Training, Extension, Input eta-are channelized through the network of these groups. The schemes/projects for providing training and extension support to Small and Marginal Women Farmers are implemented either with Central Assistance or with External Assistance.